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CHAPTER VII.—(Continued.)

"Well, then, it is time I was teaching her something. Go fetch her, Sandy. I've been wondering all morning where I could find a bird dog."

Dolbear's jealous disapproval found vent in a snort of contempt as Sandy leaped nimbly past him and disappeared at a full run in the direction of the quarters.

"Son, don't you be turpin that fool body of his. He's mouty easy set up, an' don't you be raisin no great 'speculations on that pup. Sandy is some on the brag, I tell you."

Adrien laughed absently and walking to the end of the harness room looked through its one broad, unglazed window into the paddock beyond.

"I have changed my mind about riding over to the Chamblisses this morning, Uncle Dol. I think I will take a long tramp instead. I hadn't thought much about the partridges until Sandy mentioned Sarah Jane. Where will I be most likely to find Bob White?"

No one ever questioned Adrien's moods. Dolbear laid the drag harness down regretfully. But "white folks" most generally were "notionate," according to his observation.

"You oughter be in partridges' moos' anywhere but now, but they principally feeds up 'bout the buryin' ground. The partridges lays all 'bout the buryin' ground, an' the birds ain't ben pestered much up late. Ole mars' giv' orders nobody was to shoot the partridges. He's ben savin' 'em fur you. Den you don't want the man's fur you. Den you don't wonder if one of the Martin boys would not like to tramp with me?"

Dolbear waved a superb negation with hand and head.

"Let the Martin boys 'low, son; it is his got work to do. Let 'em 'low. It all done very well 'en you was a passel up little boys together, runnin' bar'foot a climbin' pussimmon trees an' not knowin' b' from bull's foot, but you ain't a little bar'foot no more; you is got the family name to take keer of. The Martin boys is got to work out their own salvation. Let 'em 'low, son. Birds up a feather is 'blemed to flock together. The Martin boys ain't no born gentlemen."

In less questionable English, but with similar impressiveness, Adrien had already received this advice twice over.

With gentle aggressiveness, as one who would temper justice with mercy, his mother had said:

"The Martin boys are worthy, excellent people in their places, my son, and when you were all children together, subject to my surveillance, the intimacy was not objectionable, but of course everything is different now."

Liza especially, she might have added, but she did not.

His grandfather took the unequivocal stand of the plutocratic old aristocrat he avowedly was.

"We must draw the line somewhere, Adrien. Eber Martin is as good and useful a man in his sphere as can be found. So is that boy Seth. Invaluable on the place, both of them. Charlie is nothing but a crude youngster yet. And as for the women, Martin's wife is just what an overseer's wife ought to be, healthy, vigorous, ignorant, good natured."

The girl, I am afraid, has been spoiled between them all. Your mother there did her share. She is an uppish little minx, as full of independence and pride as an egg is of meat. Educated out of all conception of her true sphere in life, I fear. Your mother there says the girl is absolutely strong minded; talks of going north to study medicine. Revolting!"

"The world moves, grandpa." Adrien laughed at the antiquated horror in the governor's eyes. "How about Strong? He was rather a favorite of yours at one time."

"Yes, that is, Eben had bestowed my name on the chap and I desired him to do credit to it. I thought he was in a fair way, to do so, too, from all I heard. But"—the governor's long blue veined hand went up to his velvet skullcap and set it slowly rotating—"I am glad you've brought his name up, Adrien. It convinces me that you have not avoided it purposely."

"Purposely? Why should I?" They were smoking their morning cigars on the side veranda where the Lamarque rose interposed its fragrant clusters of blossoms and led between them and the sun's direct rays. Adrien leaned slightly forward as he asked that question and flipped the ash from his cigar down upon the border of white violets that clothed the rose tree's gnarled roots. His mother was there, too, with her large key basket sitting on the floor by the side of her chair. She was putting a delicate patch in a damask tablecloth that was too precious an heirloom to be lightly flung away. She could only see Adrien's beautiful

countenance he had pinned on the lapel of his drab velvet shooting jacket waiting its odor toward her. It was the peaceful, happiest hour of all the day to her.

"To be sure, why should you? It is very commendable of you preserving such reticence about a man who has once been your schoolmate, but I think I am entitled to know what you know. I am in possession of the whole story. I simply wanted your view of the case. What was Strong's trouble at Shingleton?"

"If Redmond has put you in possession of the whole story, you don't need to hear it afresh from me, grandpa. I think Strong made a fool of himself and damaged his reputation irremediably. No one regrets it more than I do."

"But what did he do?"

"Invited suspicion. A lot of trumpery had disappeared from various rooms in the college, stolen by the servants, of course, but when it came to \$50 in cash and Professor Redmond's watch a stir was made and the faculty took it into their sinciput heads that one of the boys was the culprit and must be made an example of. A devil of a muss they kicked up too."

"He litted the rod for a supreme effort, as the family graveyard if he would start the birds in number. He had loved the old man's directions, stopping at the foot of the crumbling brick step that led up to the elevated inclosure, by which time his enthusiasm was entirely spent and d-dire foil. It was all ways so with Adrien; fruitation and in difference went hand in hand. (To be continued.)"

On damp days when the exhaust steam rolls up in great masses it makes a wonderful plume, swaying backward from the smokestack of the locomotive. When the fireman piles his shovel, it is charged in half its volume with dense black smoke, which changes to white, and then to gray, and leaving the great plume all white as before. It has no color, but it is still of marvelous beauty, this giant plume in white, gray and black.—New York Sun.

SPANIARDS ARE PLAYING A WAITING GAME.

Apparently They Will Not Go Out to Hunt Somebody to Whip.

Fleet Still Remains at Cape Verde—The Cautious Commanders Will Not Venture Away From Their Base of Supplies—British Observe Strict Neutrality—Decree Issued Calling Out 50,000 Men—Gen. Woodford Had a Warm Time on His Trip Out of Spain.

Madrid, April 23.—An immense crowd witnessed the military parade in front of the Palace yesterday and intense enthusiasm was displayed when the little King appeared on a balcony. A big demonstration has been arranged to take place before the military club to-night.

The Queen Regent, during the day, consulted with Senors Silveira and Romero Robledo, the Conservative leaders. The former said he agreed with the declaration of Marshal Martinez de Campos, when the latter said: "There are only two parties in Spain. One is for peace and the second is for war. The first has failed and the second ought now to be called."

Senor Gamazo, the Liberal leader, urged the Sagasta Cabinet to continue in office. The Premier, on leaving the Palace at 2 o'clock, declared that there was absolutely no foundation in the rumors of a Cabinet crisis.

Senor Sagasta has received grandiloquent accounts of the demonstrations in favor of Spain which have recently taken place at Havana.

SPAIN'S WEAK POINT.

Great Britain Considers Coal Contraband of War, and Spain Has No Reserve.

Madrid, April 23.—The British Charge d'Affaires, acting in the absence of Lord Minister Gulland, and notified him that Great Britain considers coal contraband of war, and will not allow either Spain or the United States to get coal in any British port.

Only 500 Tons in Havana. Washington, D.C., April 23.—An Englishman who was among the last to leave Havana says he took special pains to ascertain how much available coal was stored in that city, and the amount is not above 500 tons. He thinks that the Spanish Government provided money for an abundant supply, but it was stolen before the arrival of Captain-General Blanco.

Spain Has No Reserve Coal. London, April 23.—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Barcelona, via Paris, says: "Grave apprehensions are entertained in the highest Government circles that the issue of war may be delayed, not by valour and enthusiasm and the Spanish Government provided money for a reserve of coal, but in respect of coal in particular, they are incomparably worse off than they have hitherto imagined."

The Spanish Government, finally believing down to the very last moment that peace would be preserved through the intervention of the Pope and the powers, neglected to lay in sufficient provision of coal, despite the representations made to them by one or two far-seeing naval officers. Besides this, it is believed, they never once inquired of the other neutral Governments whether coal would be regarded as contraband of war. The result is said to be a state of things which may be fraught with unpleasant surprises and bring hostilities to a premature end."

Spain's Policy re Neutral. London, April 23.—Spain is semi-officially announced, has declined to act in conformity with the declaration of Paris respecting neutral vessels and neutral goods.

Cuba in a State of War. Havana, April 23.—Captain-General Blanco has published a decree declaring the island of Cuba in a state of war.

30,000 Reserves Called Out. Madrid, April 23.—A royal decree has been gazetted calling out 30,000 men of the reserves of 1897.

Repel the Invaders. Havana, April 23.—The Colonial Government has published a manifesto calling upon the inhabitants to "repel the invaders."

SPANISH WAR NOTES.

The Spanish steamer Montserrat, bound from Cuba to Havana, touched at the Canary Islands on the 13th inst. The Montserrat had aboard a number of troops and a quantity of war material, and would prove a rich prize for some American cruiser.

The Catalina, a Spanish vessel, loading mules at New Orleans, was compelled to discharge her cargo, as mules have been declared a contraband of war.

The Spanish Minister of Marine wishes to resign office to take command of a squadron.

A Spanish financier in Paris has subscribed \$50,000 towards the national fund.

Luck of a Canadian Broker. Montreal, April 23.—The Forgets have made a pile of money in New York and local stocks by the rise yesterday, and it is said their clean up will not over \$300,000. These people are the wonder of the street.

M. W. J. Harkon is appointed assistant to the mechanical superintendent of

Crushed by the Boat. Port Dalhousie, April 23.—Yesterday afternoon as the schooner Ceylon was coming in the harbor, in trying to make fast a line, one of the sailors fell between the pier and the boat, causing the boat to crush him. He belongs to Gardien Island. His name is J. Compe. He is hurt internally, but to what extent is not known yet. Doctor Ludwick is in attendance.

Unusual. Papa—Your young man wasn't here last night, was he? Mildred—Yes. What made you think he wasn't? Papa—I saw that you had a light in the parlor when I got home at 9 o'clock. Mildred (thinking of something else)—He brought a friend with him last night.—Chicago News.

Politically Hungary is divided into 63 counties, containing from 60,000 to 126,000 inhabitants. There are 36 cities endowed with self government. Budapest, the metropolis, contains about 600,000 inhabitants. The population of Hungary is about 15,000,000.

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